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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

YANOFSKY et al.

Application No.: 09/981,087

Filed: October 15, 2001

For: SELECTIVE CONTROL OF  
LIGNIN BIOSYNTHESIS IN  
TRANSGENIC PLANTS

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 30, 2003 for the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A terminal disclaimer accompanies this Amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 5 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.